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COUNTRY **East Germany** REPORTTOPIC **Soviet Troop Trains**

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CB-Converted Boxcar; B-Boxcar; F-Flatcar; SSY-Heavy-Duty Flatcar; RRYM-Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. Troop trains from Forst Zinna between 7 and 28 July 1955 included:

Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	To
7	2 CB, 15 F, 5 SSY, 2 RRYM	Eichow
8	11 CB, 2 B, 32 F, 2 RRYM	Eichow
10	5 B, 33 F, 3 RRYM	Eichow
15	6 CB, 1 B, 21 F, 4 SSY, 3 RRYM	Dallgow
24	12 B, 26 F, 3 RRYM	Eilenburg
27	1 B, 9 F, 10 SSY, 9 RRYM	Schwepnitz
28	5 B, 1 F, 16 RRYM	Bresden-Nieder-sedlitz

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2. At 1800 on 15 August, a troop train of 10 B with soldiers, 10 B with billeting equipment and 40 F with 12 artillery pieces of about 80 mm and 25 to 30 trucks was unloaded at the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station. The train came from a westerly direction. The unit marched to the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin-Kietz.⁵
3. At about 1830 on 15 August, a column of 1 sedan and 8 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns which came from the direction of the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin-Kietz was entrained at the Kietz railroad station.⁶
4. On the morning of 11 August, a troop train of 2 B and an undetermined number of F was loaded with soldiers, 10 tanks and 6 JSU-122 at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. Each tank had five bogie wheels and a turret which resembled a turtle's domed shell. The troop train was dispatched to Ruedersdorf.⁷
5. The following troop trains were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 11 and 12 August:
At 0500 on 11 August, A troop train was loaded with 8 tanks with five bogie wheels and turrets resembling a turtle's domed shell which came from the direction of Rosengarten. Six JSU-122 and 1 armored personnel carrier were also entrained.⁷

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Between 1230 and 1330 on 12 August. A troop train of an undetermined number of cars with 24 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns, 8 armored personnel carriers with 37-mm AA guns, 6 trucks with billeting equipment and 2 radio trucks was unloaded. The troops went to the Artillerie Kaserne (3442). ⁸

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1. Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank firing details of the 9th Mecz Div. which returned to Cottbus from the Justerbog troop training grounds. 25X1
2. Comment. The troop train carried an artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div. which returned from firing practice at Justerbog. 25X1
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3. Comment. The troop train which belongs to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. was previously observed. 25X1
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4. Comment. The troop trains which belong to the 11th Gds Tk Div were previously reported. 25X1
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5. Comment. The troop train carried contingents of the 32d AAA Div. which moved to Wustrow on 12 July 1955 and returned to their home station. 25X1
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6. Comment. The troop train carried an AAA unit of the 32d AAA Div. which probably went to Wustrow. 25X1
7. Comment. If the observation was correct, the information indicates for the first time that the 7th Gds Mecz Div. is also equipped with T-54 tanks. 25X1
8. Comment. The troop train carried contingents of the 32d AAA Div. which probably returned from Justerbog. 25X1

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